

MO HealthNet PA Criteria



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| Medical Procedure Class: | Walkers – E0130NU, E0130RR, E0135NU, E0135RR, E0140NU, E0140RR, E0141NU, E0141RR, E0143NU, E0143RR, E0147NU, E0147RR, E0148NU, E0148RR, E0149NU, E0149RR |
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| Prepared for: | MO HealthNet |

☒ **New Criteria**

☐ **Revision of Existing Criteria**

Executive Summary

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| Purpose: | To allow a consistent and streamlined authorization process for walkers. |
| Why was this Issue Selected: | Senate Bill 577 passed by the 94 th General Assembly directs MO HealthNet to utilize an electronic web-based system to authorize Durable Medical Equipment using best medical evidence and care and treatment guidelines, consistent with national standards to verify medical need. |
| Procedures subject to Pre-Certification | <p>Standard Walkers E0130: Walker – rigid (pickup), adjustable or fixed height E0135: Walker – folding (pickup), adjustable or fixed height E0141: Walker – rigid, wheeled, adjustable or fixed height E0143: Walker – folding, wheeled</p> <p>Walker with Trunk Support E0140: Walker – with trunk support, adjustable or fixed height, any type</p> <p>Walker with Variable Wheel Resistance E0147: Walker, heavy duty, multiple braking system, variable wheel resistance</p> <p>Heavy Duty Walkers E0148: Walker – heavy duty, without wheels, rigid or folding, any type, each E0149: Walker – heavy duty, wheeled, rigid or folding, any type</p> |
| Setting & Population: | All MO HealthNet fee-for-service participants |

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| Data Sources: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicare LCD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MHN Policy |
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Setting & Population

All MO HealthNet fee-for-service patients

Approval Criteria

Standard Walker Criteria:

1) The patient has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADL) in the home. An MRADL is considered to be; toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming and bathing.

A mobility limitation is one that:

- a) Prevents the patient from accomplishing the MRADL entirely, or
 - b) Places the patient at reasonably determined heightened risk of morbidity or mortality secondary to the attempts to perform the MRADL, or
 - c) Prevents the patient from completing the MRADL within a reasonable time frame;
- AND

2) The patient is able to safely use the walker; AND

3) The functional mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved with use of a walker.

Walker with Trunk Support

Must meet all criteria for standard walker AND patient medical record MUST document medical necessity for trunk support.

Walker with Variable Wheel Resistance

Must meet all criteria for standard walker AND patient must suffer from severe neurologic disorder causing restricted use of one hand.

Heavy Duty Walker Criteria:

Must meet all criteria for standard walker AND patient's weight must be at 300 pounds or greater and documented in the patient's record.

Denial Criteria

Will be denied if any of the approval criteria are not met.

Approval Period

Rental – up to 10 months (based on physician specified duration of need)

Purchase – 90 days